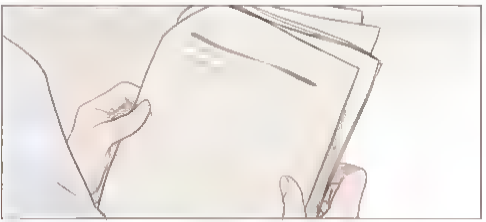

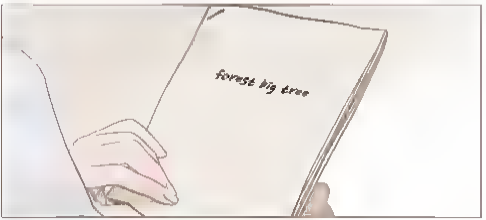
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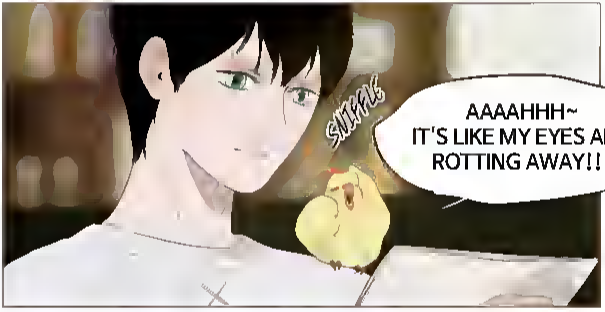
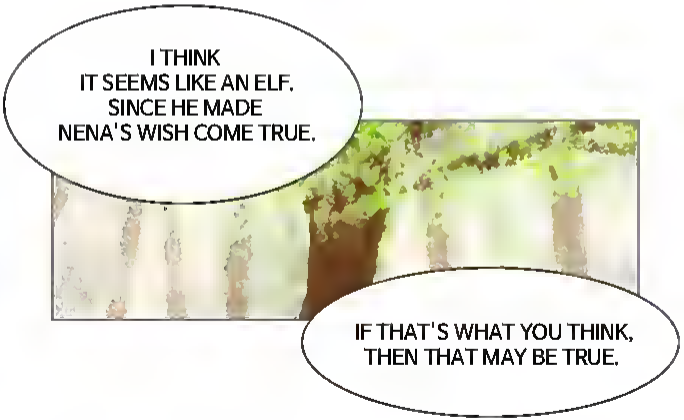

SNIFFLE
AAAAHHH~
IT'S LIKE MY EYES ARE
ROTTING AWAY!!!

ARE THERE ANY EYES AROUND THAT HAVEN'T SEEN THIS STORY? I'D LIKE TO BUY THEM!!!
IS IT THAT BAD?
JANE, WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THIS TITLE?
RUB RUB
YEAH. WHAT THE HECK IS THE TREE?

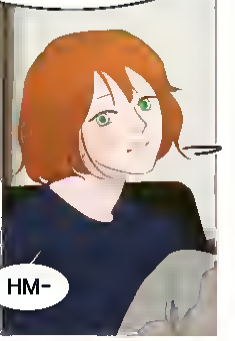
WHAT DO YOU GUYS THINK?
PONDER...


I THINK
IT SEEMS LIKE AN ELF.
SINCE HE MADE
NENA'S WISH COME TRUE.
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK,
THEN THAT MAY BE TRUE.

IS THE TITLE LIKE THAT BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY ELF IN THIS STORY?

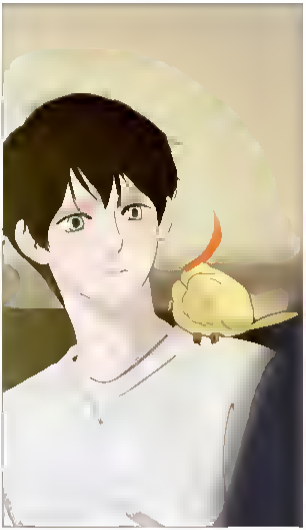
CAN'T IT JUST GRANT EVERYONE THEIR WISHES? THIS ISN'T MY STYLE.

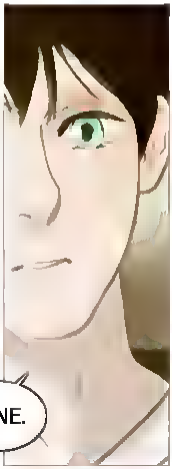
IF IT'S GOING TO BE AN ELF, IT SHOULD AT LEAST BE LIKE A GOD. THIS IS SO FRUSTRATING.



I'VE OFTEN WISHED
THAT THERE WERE SOMEONE
BY MY SIDE LIKE THE TREE.
IT MAY NOT BE A GOD
LIKE YOU SAID, ROY,
BUT AT LEAST IT KEEPS
PEOPLE FROM GIVING UP.

NENA PROBABLY BELIEVES THAT AI'S STILL ALIVE
SO SHE WON'T GIVE UP ON HIM

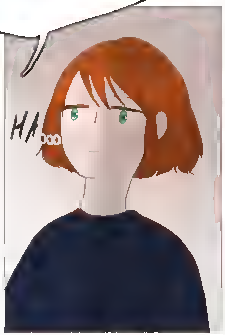


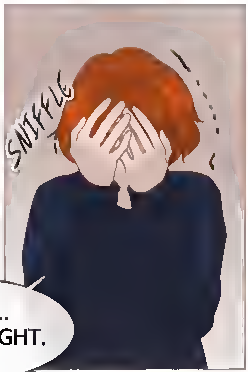

JANE.

I SHOULD GO INTO THE WOODS TO GIVE BACK THE SEED IN MY BODY.
RIGHT? IT'S THE SAME SEED AS THE SEED IN THE STORY, ISN'T IT?
JUMP
HERE HE GOES AGAIN...
NO, WINTER. IT'S JUST A STORY...

THIS SEED BELONGS TO AI!

I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING AMAZING ABOUT THIS SEED.





YEAH... YOU'RE RIGHT.

IT WAS MY GRANDMA'S SEED.

IT BELONGED TO MY GREAT-GRANDMOTHER'S GRANDMOTHER, AND MY OWN GRANDMA GAVE IT TO ME BEFORE SHE PASSED AWAY.
I WISH I COULD GIVE IT BACK TO AI.
I KNEW IT! I SHOULD GO AND GIVE IT BA-
IT'S OKAY...

I WENT TO GIVE THE SEED BACK TO AI BEFORE... BUT THE POND WAS GONE...
SNIFFLE
HUUUH~?!?!?! N-NO... AI MUST BE WAITING THERE...
I WAS JUST AS SAD AS YOU ARE. THAT'S WHY I CHERISHED THAT SEED SO MUCH
BUT THEN YOU WENT AND STOLE IT.

AH... I... SHOULD..
SHOCKED
UH...
GIVE IT BACK...
OR... UH...

DON'T BE SAD.
THERE'S NOT MUCH
WE CAN DO IF SOMETHING
HAPPENS TO AI
BECAUSE OF YOU.
NO!
I WAS WRONG, JANE...
I HAVE TO GIVE IT BACK...
I HAVE TO FIND HIM...
IT CAN'T BE
HELPED.
TREMBLE
PAT
PAT~
WOULD YOU
STOP TEASING HIM?
YOU'RE BOTH
JUST AS STUPID.

WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF EVERYONE IN THE WORLD WERE LIKE WINTER?
SINCE THEY WOULD ACTUALLY TAKE YOUR STORY SERIOUSLY?
WHY?
BECAUSE MY BOOK WOULD SELL LIKE CRAZY.
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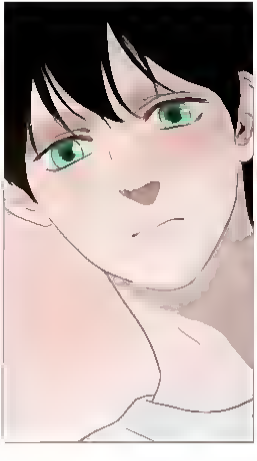
RUB—
RUB—
BUT SEEING YOUR REACTION MAKES ME HAPPY.
THANK YOU.



THEN COULD YOU
GIVE ME A LITTLE KISS?

SCREW OFF.

Winter Woods

HE'S SLEEPING AGAIN

...HEY
...LITTLE BOY...

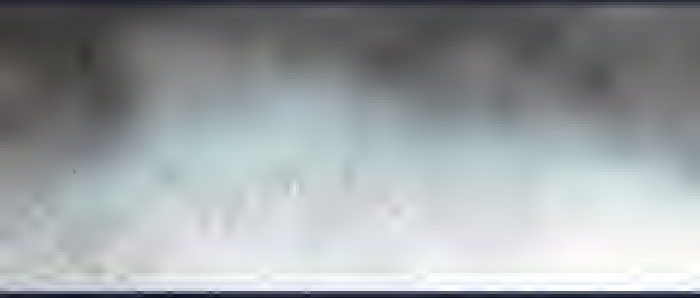
Al...

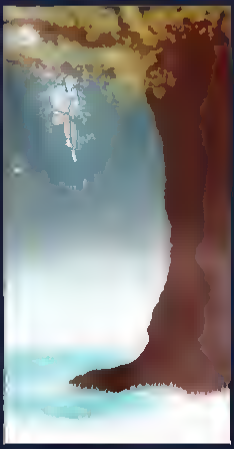
Al...
LOOK
????

OVER HERE, AI~
FLOAT-
FLOAT-
!!!!

DRRRR

I'M OVER HERE...





SO THE SEED HAS GONE AROUND AND RETURNED TO YOU.
I MISSED YOU, AI.
I'M NOT AI.

I'M WINTER.

COME
OVER HERE.

LONG TIME
NO SEE. TREE

WHEN DID YOU GROW SO BIG?
I WANTED TO SEE YOU GRADUALLY GROWING UP

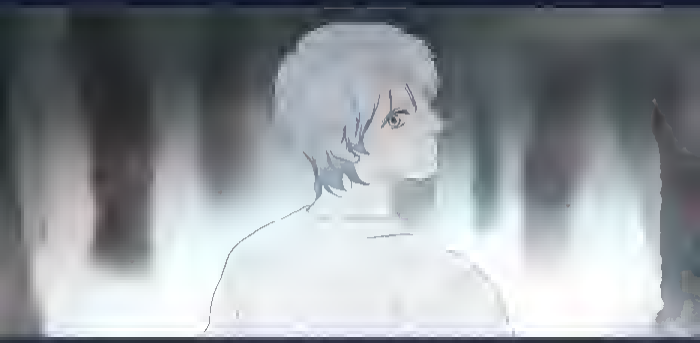
LET'S STAY TOGETHER FROM NOW ON.
I'LL HOLD ONTO YOU AND NEVER LET GO.
YOU HAVE TO GO TO NENA.
NENA?

THAT'S RIGHT, NENA.
YOU WANT TO BE WITH HER, DON'T YOU?

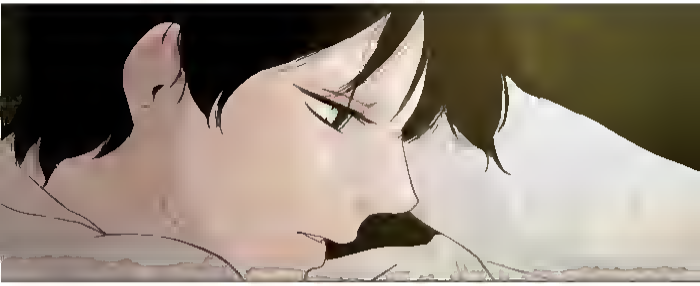
...YEAH.
YOU'RE RIGHT,
TREE.
I WANT TO BE
WITH NENA.

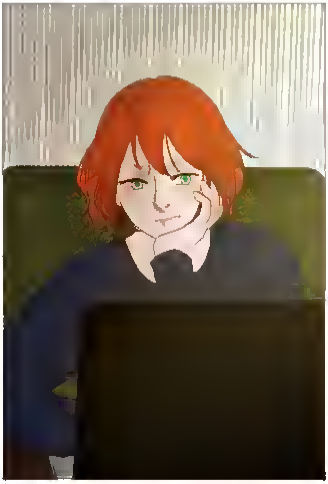
I'LL WAIT FOR YOU, SO GO AND FIND HER.
I'LL ALWAYS BE HERE.

THANK YOU,
TREE.



I'LL MAKE SURE
TO RETURN HERE.

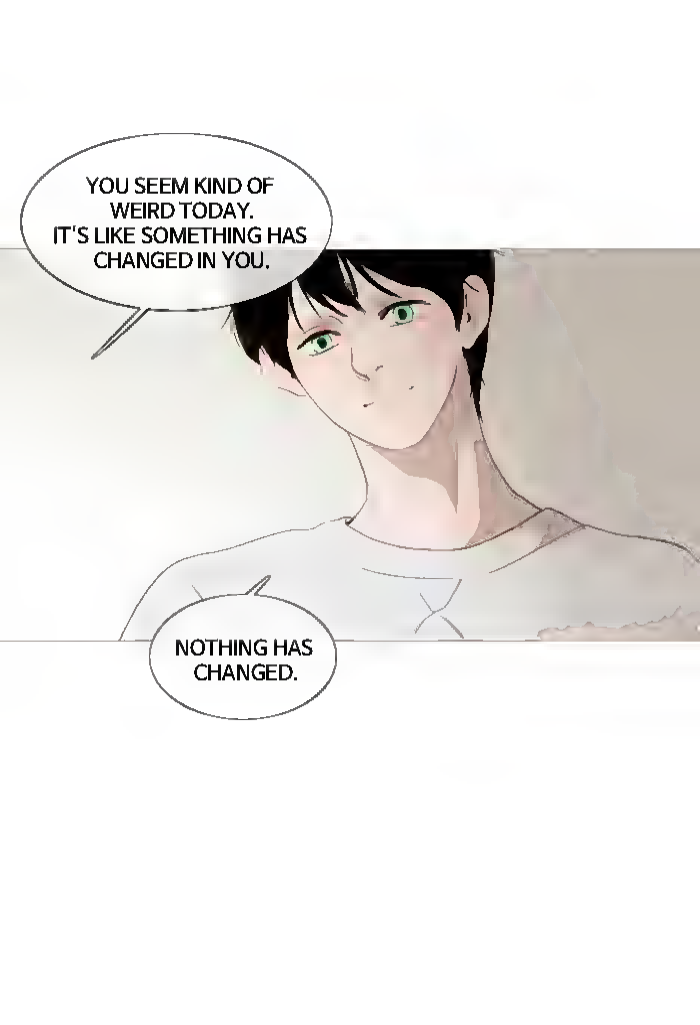




NENA...

SSK-

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, JANE?
AH, JEEZ!
AH, WELL... I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR A SHORT-TERM JOB-
HUH?


YOU SEEM KIND OF WEIRD TODAY. IT'S LIKE SOMETHING HAS CHANGED IN YOU.
NOTHING HAS CHANGED.

I JUST...

HAD A DREAM
A MINUTE AGO,
AND I FEEL REALLY
CERTAIN NOW.

A-ABOUT WHAT?

HM... WELL,
ABOUT THE SEED,
AND...

I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE...
EVEN AFTER I FINISH TELLING YOU MY STORY
I WANT TO PERSUADE ROY TO STAY HERE WITH YOU, JANE

Winter Woods

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